

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE  
OF  
*Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,*  
OF MINNESOTA,  
AT ITS  
GRAND ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS,  
IN THE  
CITY OF ST. PAUL,

FROM FEBRUARY 25, A. L., 5853, TO JANUARY 14, A. L., 5869.

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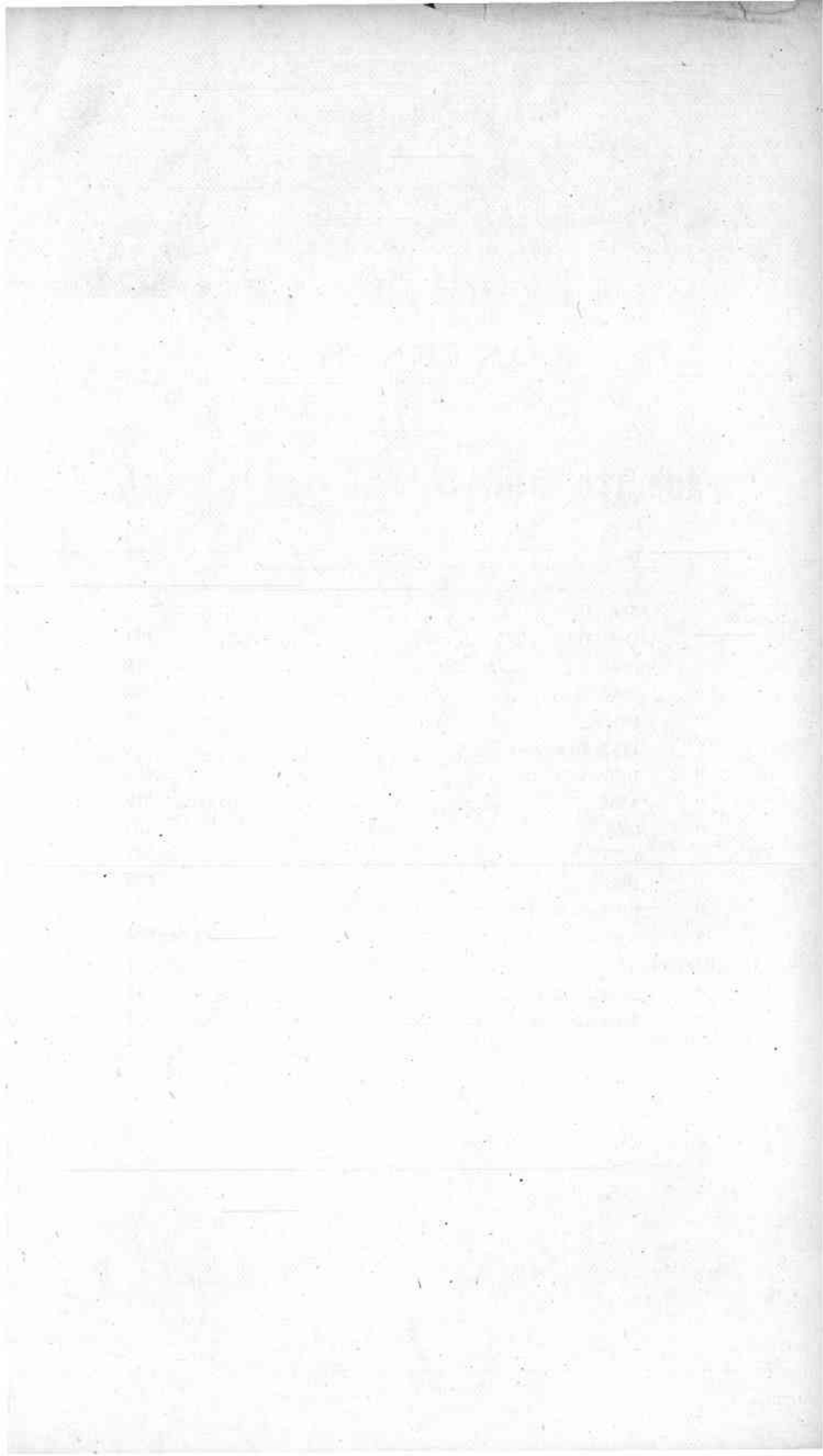
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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
CONVENTION AND GRAND LODGE,  
OF  
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons,  
OF MINNESOTA,

AT THEIR FIRST COMMUNICATION, HELD IN ST. PAUL, FEB. 23, A. S. L. 5853.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by each of the several chartered ☐ in the Territory of Minnesota, Delegates from three ☐ met at the ☐ room of St. Paul ☐ No. 1, on Wednesday evening, February 23d, 1853, to take such measures as were necessary in order to form a Grand ☐.

The Convention was called to order by A. T. C. Pierson, of St. Paul ☐, and organized by the appointment of A. E. Ames, as President, and A. T. C. Pierson, Secretary.

The following Delegates presented their credentials, and were duly received as regular Delegates to the Convention, having power from their several ☐ to form a Grand ☐ of Freemasons within the Territory of Minnesota, if deemed expedient:

*From St. Paul ☐, No. 1.*—D. F. Brawley, W. S. M., D. W. C. Dunwell, S. S. W., Lott Moffet, J. S. W., P. S. M., Aaron Goodrich, and A. T. C. Pierson.

*From St. John's ☐ No. 1, Stillwater.*—Dr. Hoyty, as proxy for F. K. Bartlett, W. S. M., H. N. Setzer, S. S. W., D. B. Loomis, as proxy for Wm. Holcomb, J. S. W.

*From Cataract ☐, No. 168, St. Anthony.*—A. E. Ames, W. S. M., D. M. Coolbaugh, S. S. W., C. T. Stearns, J. S. W., and P. S. M., E. Case.

A. T. C. Pierson offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Convention:

*Resolved,* That it is the deliberate opinion of this Convention, that the permanent good of Masonry demands the formation of a Grand ☐ for Minnesota.

Judge Aaron Goodrich, of St. Paul ☐, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we proceed to the preliminaries for the formation of a Grand ☐, by the appointment of a committee to draft a Constitution and Regulations for the government thereof, and that said committee be requested to report to this Convention on to-morrow.

The President of the Convention appointed Judge A. Goodrich, of St. Paul ☐, Hon. D. B. Loomis, of St. John's ☐, Stillwater, and E. Case, of Cataract ☐, St. Anthony, such committee.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned until to morrow, (Thursday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 24th, 1853.

Delegates to the Convention met pursuant to adjournment, when a ☐ was opened on the third Degree, in due and ancient form,

P. M. A. E. Ames, acting as	Worthy Master.
P. M. D. F. Brawley, "	Senior Warden.
Bro. D. B. Loomis, "	Junior Warden.
P. M. E. Case, "	Treasurer.
P. M. A. T. C. Pierson, "	Secretary.
Bro. Lott Moffet, "	Senior Deacon.
Bro. D. M. Coolbaugh, "	Junior Deacon.
Bro. C. T. Stearns, "	Tyler.

The roll was then called. Each Delegate was present. The Committee appointed to draft a Constitution and Regulations, reported as follows :

*To the Masonic Convention, now sitting in the city of St. Paul, for the purpose of forming "The Grand ☐ of Minnesota."*

The undersigned Committee, appointed on the evening of the 21st inst., to draft a Constitution for the government of said Grand ☐, respectfully beg leave to submit the following report :

(SIGNED,)

AARON GOODRICH, of St. Paul.

D. B. LOOMIS, of Stillwater.

EMANUEL CASE, of St. Anthony.

St. Paul, February 23, 1853.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE TERRITORY OF MINNESOTA.

### ARTICLE I.

*Sec. 1.* The Grand ☐ shall consist of the following officers, viz : Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Steward, Grand Tyler; and also the Past Grand and Deputy Past Grand Masters, P. G. S. and P. G. J. Wardens, and Past Master of Regular ☐, who shall have presided over a ☐ under the jurisdiction of this Grand ☐, six months, whilst they continue members of a ☐ under this jurisdiction, and the representatives of Subordinate ☐.

*Sec. 2.* The Master and Wardens of all ☐ under the jurisdiction of this Grand ☐, shall be the representatives of sub-☐, in the Grand ☐, by virtue of their respective offices. But in all cases where the Master and Wardens cannot give their personal attendance, they may appoint their proxy or proxies; and, if by reason of absence or other causes, they shall fail to appoint, special representatives may be appointed by a resolution

of said ☐, and said representatives shall be entitled to all the privileges which pertain to the Master and Wardens when acting as such representatives.

*Sec. 3.* No person shall be appointed to represent a Subordinate ☐ in the Grand ☐, unless he shall be a member of some regular ☐, working under this jurisdiction, and when only such representative has been received and recognized as such, by this Grand ☐, he shall not be superseded by the officers of the ☐ he represents, during that Communication.

*Sec. 4.* The Grand ☐ shall continue and hold its Grand Communication in the city of St. Paul, on the first Monday in January, in each and every year, and may continue in session so long as the good of Masonry may require; and said meeting shall be called the Grand Annual Communication.

*Sec. 5.* The Grand ☐ shall not be opened for the transaction of business unless there shall be present the representatives of three regular ☐. Should there not be a sufficient number of ☐ represented, on the day fixed for the meeting of the Grand ☐, the Grand Master, for the time being, shall have power to adjourn the ☐ from day to day, until a sufficient number shall be in attendance.

*Sec. 6.* The Grand Master has full power to call special convocations, when, in his opinion, the well being of Masonry shall require, giving timely notice to Subordinate ☐, as to time and place.

*Sec. 7.* The Grand ☐ when convened in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, shall have the right to make all such rules and regulations for the government of the Fraternity as may be deemed necessary by a majority of the ☐, provided the same shall not conflict with the Ancient Constitutions and Landmarks of Masonry, and such rules and regulations shall be binding upon ☐ subordinate to this Grand ☐.

*Sec. 8.* The Grand ☐ shall have power to hear appeals, redress grievances and complaints from Subordinate ☐, grant charters, punish the misconduct of subordinate ☐, and do all things for the honor and dignity of Masonry and the well-being of the Order.

*Sec. 9.* The officers of the Grand ☐ shall be elective and appointed, (as hereinafter provided,) at the Grand Annual Communication, in January, in each and every year; and no person shall be elected to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, unless he shall have passed the chair in some regular ☐, and shall, at the time of his election, be a member of some regular ☐ subordinate to this Grand ☐. In either of the other offices, Master Masons being at the same time members of a regular ☐ under this jurisdiction, may be eligible.

*Sec. 10.* The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden shall be chosen by ballot. The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Marshal, Grand Steward, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler, shall be appointed by the Grand Master. Said appointments shall be entered upon the journals of the Grand ☐.

*Sec. 11.* No person shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden, more than two years in succession. Other Grand officers are always subject to election or appointment.

*Sec. 12.* In the election of Grand Master, the last Grand Master, if eligible, shall be among the candidates for re-election, unless he shall decline, and no vote shall be counted which shall be given to a brother not in nomination, nor shall any nomination be good unless the same has been accorded. When the ballot is closed, the Deputy Grand Master shall count the votes, and declare him who has a majority of the whole vote cast, duly elected. And the Grand Master so elected shall be installed, according to ancient usage, at the session at which he is elected.

*Sec. 13.* The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by ballot, and shall receive a majority of all the votes given in said election, and shall be installed.

*Sec. 14.* In all elections in this Grand ☐, the following shall be the

ratio of suffrage: All present and past Grand Officers, who are members of this Grand ☐, shall be entitled to one vote each. Every member who shall have passed the chair of any regular ☐ within this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to one vote, so long as he continues a member of some Subordinate ☐ within the jurisdiction of this Grand ☐; but such Past Master, if he be a past Grand Officer, shall have, in both the capacities, but one vote.

Every Subordinate ☐, whether represented by one or more delegates, shall be entitled to three votes. If there shall be in attendance on the Grand ☐, only two officers of a Subordinate ☐, and they cannot agree as to the vote of their ☐, the highest officer shall be entitled to two, and the other to one vote.

The Grand Secretary, under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, shall, at the opening of the session of the Grand ☐, prepare and set forth a list of the members of the Grand ☐, with the number of votes affixed, to which each member is entitled, which list shall be submitted to the Grand ☐ for decision and approval.

And when an elective vote is to be taken, it shall be in the order of said register, the Secretary answering with the name of each member called, the number of votes to which he is entitled.

All other matters save elections, shall be determined by a majority of the members present, and in case of a tie, the Grand Master, or the Master in the chair, shall have the casting vote.

*Sec. 15.* The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master, immediately upon opening the Grand ☐ at the Grand Annual Communication:

1st. A Committee of three members, to examine and report upon the returns from Subordinate ☐.

2d. A Committee of three, upon the work of ☐ under dispensation.

3d. A Committee of three, who shall be representatives of three Subordinate ☐, to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and report a statement of their respective accounts.

4th. A Committee of two, to examine visiting brethren.

5th. A Committee of five, on appeals and grievances.

6th. A Committee of three, on Foreign Communications.

7th. A Committee of three, on unfinished business.

The Grand Master may appoint such other committees as circumstances may require.

*Sec. 16.* In case any office in this Grand ☐ shall become vacant, by death, resignation, removal from the Territory, or other cause, such vacancies shall be filled by appointment from the Grand Master.

*Sec. 17.* The Grand Master shall, at each Annual Communication, appoint a well-informed brother to prepare and deliver, at the next Grand Annual Communication, a Masonic Oration, illustrative of the genius and principles of Masonry. Said brother shall be styled the Grand Orator.

## ARTICLE II.

### DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

*Sec. 1.* At each meeting of the Grand ☐, the Grand Master shall fill the chair. In his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of both, the Grand Senior Warden, and in the absence of these, the Grand Junior Warden. In case of the absence of all the before mentioned officers, the oldest Grand Officer present shall fill the chair, unless there shall be present a Past Grand or Deputy Grand Master.

*Sec. 2.* It shall be the duty of the Grand Master to take upon him the general supervision of the ☐ throughout this Territory, and to see that no innovations are committed upon the Ancient Landmarks, and that the business of said ☐ be conducted with regularity.

It shall also be his duty, on all convenient occasions, to visit said ☐, and inspect their work, first giving timely notice of his approach. In case of the inability of the Grand Master to perform these duties, he may appoint, under his bond and seal, one or more approved and skillful brethren to discharge the same. Such brethren shall report to the Grand



Master, in writing, previous to the next Grand Annual Communication, and the Grand [ ] shall make provision for such visitations.

*Sec. 3.* If during the recess of the Grand [ ], the Grand Master receive information of the improper or disorderly conduct of any [ ] under the jurisdiction of this [ ], it shall be his duty to inquire into the same; and should such information prove correct, he may suspend said [ ] until the next meeting of the Grand [ ], to which he shall report the cause of such suspension.

*Sec. 4.* In case of death, resignation, or removal of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall succeed to all his duties and functions, and discharge the same until the next Annual Communication.

*Sec. 5.* The Grand Secretary shall keep a fair and just record of the Proceedings of the Grand [ ], which shall be entered in a book or books to be provided for that purpose.

*Sec. 6.* No warrant, charter, or other instrument of writing from this Grand [ ], shall be of any validity unless attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary, with the seal of the Grand [ ] affixed.

*Sec. 7.* All records, books, papers, seals, &c., kept by the Grand Secretary, shall be the property of the Grand [ ], and shall, at all times, be subject to the inspection of the Grand Master, or committees appointed by him or the Grand [ ], and shall be delivered up when called for.

*Sec. 8.* The Grand Secretary shall attend, (in person, or by deputy, who shall also be a member of the Grand [ ],) all meetings of the Grand [ ], with all books, papers and records belonging to the [ ].

*Sec. 9.* The Grand Secretary shall receive a stated salary for his services while in attendance on the Grand [ ], and for his care and attention in preserving the records and papers of the Grand [ ]; he shall likewise receive the following fees: He shall be paid by parties employing him, for copying records, files and Proceedings of the Grand [ ], or any instrument of writing emanating therefrom, ten cents for every hundred words. He shall also receive from the parties employing him, one dollar for affixing the seal of this [ ] to any instrument of writing they may require.

He shall also receive for every charter or dispensation issued by the Grand Master, or by the Grand [ ], the sum of two dollars (\$2,) to be paid by the [ ] procuring the same; but he shall not be allowed any fee for affixing said seal to any instrument required by this Grand [ ], for its use.

*Sec. 10.* The Grand Treasurer must be a brother of good worldly substance, and to him shall be committed the moneys belonging to the Grand [ ]. He shall account for the same, and shall not pay out the same without the order of the Grand Master, the Stewards of the grand charity fund, or the order of the Grand [ ] certified by the Grand Secretary.

*Sec. 11.* The Grand Treasurer shall, on the first day of the Grand Annual Communication, present to the Grand [ ] a statement, in writing, of the receipts and disbursements during the past year, which statement shall be reported upon by a committee appointed for the purpose, and upon retiring from the Treasury, he shall pay over to his successor such balance as shall be due the Grand [ ].

*Sec. 12.* It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend the Grand Annual Communications, that its meetings may be opened and closed with prayer; to prepare and deliver appropriate sermons when requested by the Grand Master.

*Sec. 13.* The Grand Stewards shall attend the meeting of the Grand [ ], and furnish such refreshments as may be required. The Grand Tyler shall attend every call of the Grand Master, and be present at all meetings of the [ ], and shall be paid for these services as the Grand [ ] shall direct.

### ARTICLE III.

#### OF SUBORDINATE [ ].

*Sec. 1.* Every [ ] subordinate to this Grand [ ], shall transmit, at each Annual Communication, the names of its officers and members, with a list of all who have been initiated, passed or raised, admitted, tried, withdrawn, suspended, expelled, or restored in accordance with a form which

will be furnished them by the Grand Secretary, together with such information as shall exhibit the true condition of the ☐.

*Sec. 2.* No new charter shall be granted unless upon application of at least seven approved Master Masons, nor shall any dispensation be granted, except upon the petition of at least seven known and approved Master Masons. Said petition shall be recommended by the nearest ☐.

Nor shall any dispensation or charter be granted in any town or city where one or more ☐ are now established, except upon petition signed by at least seven Master Masons, which petition shall set forth reason for such new ☐, which shall be satisfactory to the Grand ☐ or the Grand Master.

*Sec. 3.* The Grand ☐ shall have power to make the following assessments upon Subordinate ☐, for the purposes of revenue, viz: The sum of \$1.00 for each Degree conferred by said Subordinate ☐, and 50 cents annually for each member.

For each dispensation, \$20.00, together with the sum of \$2.00 to the Grand Secretary for engrossing the same, and affixing the seal of the Grand ☐.

For each charter the sum of \$25.00, exclusive of the fees of the Grand Secretary.

*Sec. 4.* No Subordinate ☐ shall change the place of meeting of said ☐ without the consent of a majority of its members, nor surrender its charter without such consent.

*Sec. 5.* Before the vote can be taken upon such removal or surrender, it shall be the duty of the Master to give the members due timely notice of such contemplated removal or surrender; and on petition of any member of said ☐ to the Grand Master, no such removal shall be legal unless sanctioned by the Grand Master.

*Sec. 6.* Any ☐ which shall be dissolved by its own choice, by order of the Grand ☐, or the edict of the Grand Master, shall deliver to the Grand Secretary all books, papers, funds, jewels and furniture pertaining to said ☐, which shall be kept, or disposed of as the Grand ☐ or the Grand Master shall direct.

*Sec. 7.* Should any ☐ under this jurisdiction, for two successive years, fail to be represented in this Grand ☐, or be in arrears, the same shall stand suspended up to such time as said ☐ shall appear by its legal representatives, and discharge said arrears.

*Sec. 8.* After the Secretary shall have notified any ☐, (of the delinquencies mentioned in the last section) to appear at the next Annual Communication, touching the matters in the last section, should such ☐ still fail or refuse, it shall be stricken from the roll of ☐, and its charter withdrawn.

*Sec. 9.* Elections shall be annually held in Subordinate ☐, and their officers shall be installed as soon thereafter as may be.

*Sec. 10.* The Masters of Subordinate ☐ shall, in case of appeals, transmit to the Grand Secretary, copies of all Proceedings from which appeals may be taken, that the same may be laid before the Grand ☐. The testimony, so far as the same may be committed to writing, must accompany such appeal. And this Grand ☐, acting in such case as a Court of Appeal, shall hear such parole evidence as was given on the original trial; but no new testimony shall be heard on said appeal unless the Grand Master shall appoint a commission to take such further testimony as he may deem for the furtherance of justice, which shall be taken on due notice, and be a part of the evidence in the case.

*Sec. 11.* The minimum sum to be paid in Subordinate ☐, shall be \$5 for each Degree conferred, which sum shall be in the hands of the Secretary previous to conferring said Degrees.

#### ARTICLE IV.

*Sec. 1.* The Grand Charity Fund shall consist of all moneys in the Treasury, after defraying the current and incidental expenses of the Grand ☐.

*Sec. 2.* The Grand Charity Fund shall be under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master and the Grand Wardens, who are the Stewards of the

Grand Charity Fund. But said Stewards shall not appropriate more than \$50.00 for any one object, and they shall make a report to the next Annual Communication, of their Stewardship.

*Sec. 3.* No amendment of this Constitution shall be made until the same shall have been proposed to the Grand ☐, and concurred in by a two-thirds vote of the members present; and shall have been submitted to the consideration of the Subordinate ☐, and approved by at least two-thirds thereof. Amendments then made and adopted, shall become a part of this Constitution.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. When a quorum shall be present, the Grand Master, if present, but if not, the next Grand Officer, shall take the chair, call to order and open the Grand ☐.
2. The Grand Master shall then appoint the Standing Committees in accordance with this Constitution.
3. When a brother rises to speak, he shall address himself to the "Most Worshipful Grand Master," and if he transgress these rules of order, the Grand Master shall call him to order.
4. No brother shall speak more than twice to the same question without leave. When two or more rise at once, the Grand Master shall designate the brother who is in order.
5. While the Grand Master is addressing the Grand ☐, or putting a question, or while a brother is speaking, no brother shall interrupt or disturb him.
6. Every brother having a right to vote in the Grand ☐, and present when the question is put, shall vote, unless excused by a vote of the ☐, or the Grand Master.
7. There shall be no debate upon a question after it is put to the Grand ☐.
8. All resolutions shall be in writing, and before debate thereon, shall be handed to the chair and read aloud by the Grand Secretary.
9. All motions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by a brother.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved,* That the clothing of brethren at Masonic funerals shall be white aprons, white sashes, and white gloves, with the exception of the officers, who shall wear their appropriate jewels.

*Resolved,* That ☐ working under this jurisdiction, be, and they are hereby instructed not to receive Lectures on any of the Degrees of Masonry, from itinerant lecturers, except he present authority from the Grand Master, or Grand Officers of this Grand ☐.

*Resolved,* That the Proceedings of this Grand ☐ be read in open ☐, in all Subordinate ☐ under this jurisdiction, at the first stated meeting after they shall receive the same, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Moved by Hon. D. B. Loomis, that the Constitution and Regulations be read, and the question on adoption be taken on each article separately.

The motion was adopted. The Constitution, Regulations, and Resolutions were then read, and each section was unanimously adopted. Brother A. Goodrich offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz :

*Resolved,* That this Convention proceed to the completion of the organization of a Grand ☐ for Minnesota, by the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

Whereupon a ballot was had, and P. M. A. E. Ames received the unanimous vote, 11 ballots being cast for him. A. E. Ames

was declared to be unanimously elected the first M.: W.: G.: M.: of the Grand ☐ of Minnesota.

Moved by Brother H. N. Setzer, that a ballot be had for D.: G.: M.: Brothers Goodrich, Brawley, and Pierson were nominated. A ballot was had, and P.: M.: A. Goodrich received six votes, and P.: M.: A. T. C. Pierson received three votes. P.: M.: A. Goodrich, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared to be duly elected D.: G.: M.: of the Grand ☐ of Minnesota for the ensuing Masonic year.

Moved, that a ballot be had for G.: S.: W.:.

P.: M.: D. F. Brawley was nominated, and he having received ten votes, was declared to have been unanimously elected G.: S.: W.: of the Grand ☐ of Minnesota, for the ensuing Masonic year.

Moved that a ballot be had for G.: J.: W.:.

P.: M.: A. Van Vorhes, of St. John's ☐, Stillwater, was nominated. A ballot was had, and P.: M.: A. Van Vorhes was declared to have been unanimously elected G.: J.: W.: of the G.: ☐ of Minnesota, he having received (11) all the votes cast.

The M.: W.: G.: M.: then made the following appointments :

P.: M.: E. CASE, of St. Anthony, Grand Treasurer.

Bro. J. GEO. LENNON, " Grand Secretary.

" D. W. C. DUNWELL, St. Paul, Grand Senior Deacon.

" D. B. LOOMIS, Stillwater, Grand Junior Deacon.

" S. PATRIDGE, " Grand Sword Bearer.

P.: M.: A. T. C. PIERSON, St. Paul, Grand Marshal.

Bro. H. N. SETZER, Stillwater, Grand Pursuivant.

Rev. WM. CHAMBERLAIN, St. Anthony, Grand Chaplain.

Bro. LOTT MOFFET, St. Paul, Senior Grand Steward.

" C. W. BORUP, " Junior Grand Steward.

" WM. HARTSHORN, " Grand Tyler.

The Grand ☐ of Minnesota was then opened, and the M.: W.: G.: M.:, R.: W.: D.: G.: M.:, W.: G.: S.: W.:, W.: G.: J.: W.:, G.: T.: and G.: S.: were severally installed by P.: M.: A. J. Morgan, when they severally repaired to their stations. The Secretary of the Convention being superseded by the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master proclaimed the election of the Grand Officers, and that the Grand ☐ of Minnesota was duly and legally organized.

A. E. AMES, *President.*

A. T. C. PIERSON, *Sec'y of Convention.*

The M.: W.: Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees :

On Returns of ☐, Bros. Lennon, Stearns, and Setzer.

On Work of ☐, Bros. Pierson, Case, Van Vorhes.

On Foreign Correspondence, Bros. Lennon, Goodrich, and Loomis.

On Appeals and Grievances, Bros. Pierson, Coolbaugh, Van Vorhes, Stearns, and Moffet.

To examine Treasurer's and Secretary's Books, Bros. Loomis, Coolbaugh, and Dunwell.

To examine Visiting Brethren, Bros. Moffet and Pierson.

On Unfinished Business, Bros. Brawley, Pierson, and Goodrich.

On motion of Bro. H. N. Setzer, *Resolved*, That the Subordinate ☐ under the jurisdiction of this Grand ☐ shall be numbered according to the date of their respective charters.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of superintending the printing of the Proceedings of the Convention, as also for the Proceedings of Grand ☐. M.: W.: G.: M.: appointed Bros. Lennon, Pierson and Case.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing shall consult with M.: W.: G.: M.: and D.: G.: M.:, on the device for a seal for this Grand ☐.

On motion, *Resolved*, That 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Convention, Constitution, By-Laws, and Act of Incorporation of this Grand ☐, be published for its use.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand ☐ is hereby authorized and required to issue charters to St. John's ☐, No. 1, Cataract ☐, No. 2, and St. Paul ☐, No. 3, as soon as possible, without fees.

On motion of R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand ☐ be, and the same are hereby tendered to our worthy brother, A. J. Morgan, for the able manner in which he performed the ceremony of installing the officers of this Grand ☐.

The M.: W.: the G.: M.: delivered the following

### ADDRESS.

*Brethren of the Grand ☐ of Minnesota:*

I must not allow this occasion to pass away without tendering to you, my brethren, my heartfelt appreciation of the high trust you have this day reposed in me. And in full acknowledgment of the responsibility of the office, I hope and trust that the pure principles of our Order will ever guide me to preserve inviolate the ancient rules and usages of our venerable Institution, and I have a firm reliance on the active co-operation of the brethren now assembled.

Brethren, look well to the interests of our beloved Institution. Let your walk be such as to call for the encomiums of our more advanced brethren of the good work, and show to the world that the Word, that "*great light of Masonry*," shall be to us the guiding-star to ultimate communion with our "*Supreme G. M.*" Let our Masonic Edifice have a firm foundation, that future generations shall see that we assume not that right that we were not entitled to, and to a participation in all the beauties thereof. Brethren, let Charity be our guiding star; to an erring brother, be mild, yet firm, showing that though Temperance shall restrain, Forti-

tude strengthen, Prudence regulate, and Justice guide, erring nature wants a Savior instead of a calumniator.

Bear in mind, my brethren, the great principle of virtue and morality. Set a plumb line, and yet will never be passed by. And the ensigns of our Order, based upon the sacred principles of Religion, shall be our hope to a blessed immortality.

There being no further business before the ☐, the protection and favor of the Deity was humbly solicited, and on motion of Brother G. S. W., the Grand ☐ was closed in ample form until next Annual Communication.

ALFRED E. AMES, M. W. G. M.

J. GEO. LENNON, G. S.

### AN ACT

#### TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF MINNESOTA.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota,* That Alfred E. Ames, the present Grand Master; Aaron Goodrich, Deputy Grand Master; Daniel F. Brawley, Senior Grand Warden; and Abram Van Vorhes, Junior Grand Warden, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, of Minnesota, and D. B. Loomis, J. C. Ramsey, E. Case and A. T. C. Pierson, as Trustees, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Grand Lodge of Minnesota;" may have and keep a common seal, and the same alter, change or renew at pleasure; and by their corporate name may sue and be sued; plead and be impleaded, in all courts, either of law or equity, and shall have perpetual succession.

*Sec. 2.* Said Grand ☐ shall be established in St. Paul, and in their corporate name may contract and be contracted with, may receive by gift or purchase, and may hold and convey real and personal estate to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, and may make such by-laws, rules and regulations as they may deem best: *Provided,* That such by-laws, rules and regulations be not contrary to the Constitution of the United States, or of the Organic Act of this Territory.

*Sec. 3.* That Alfred E. Ames, the present W. Master, D. M. Coolbaugh, Senior Warden, and C. T. Stearns, Junior Warden, of Cataract ☐ No. 2, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors, be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "Cataract Lodge, No. 2, of St. Anthony," and by such name may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand ☐, in the first and second sections of this act.

*Sec. 4.* That Daniel F. Brawley, the present W. Master, D. W. C. Dunwell, Senior Warden, and Lott Moffet, Junior Warden, of St. Paul ☐ No. 3, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors, be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "St. Paul ☐ No. 3, of St. Paul," and by such name may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand ☐ in the first and second sections of this act.

*Sec. 5.* That F. K. Bartlett, the present W. Master, H. N. Setzer, Senior Warden, and Wm. Holcombe, Junior Warden, of St. Johns' ☐ No. 1, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and their successors, be, and they are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "St. Johns' ☐ No. 1, of Stillwater," and by such name, may have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand ☐ in the first and second sections of this act.

*Sec. 6.* That whenever said Grand ☐ shall authorize or charter Subordinate ☐ in any part of Minnesota, the Masters and Wardens of each such Subordinate ☐, upon filing with the Clerk of any Court of Record in the county where such ☐ is established, or in the county to which the same is attached for judicial purposes, a certificate, signed by the Master and Wardens then constituting the ☐, setting forth therein the name of the ☐, the county, and the place where the ☐ is to meet, shall have and possess all the rights and privileges given the Grand ☐, in the first and second sections of this act, in the name specified in said certificate; and that said clerk shall have a fee of one dollar for filing and recording every such certificate, which he is hereby required to do upon the payment of such fee.

*Sec. 7.* This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage,  
Approved March 5, 1853.